

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark A. Wilson (*Reg. #43,9948*) on June 3, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 24 and 26.

Please amend claim 22 follows:

22. A method for the control of an electrical device, in which an electrical device, which has one or more functional units and at least one power supply unit for feeding the functional units with electrical energy, is switched from a power-up mode to a power-down mode, while at least one power supply unit is switched on in the power-up mode and all the power supply units are switched off in the power-down mode, but while a standby circuit remains active in the power-down mode, which standby circuit monitors one or more signal inputs for the occurrence of an activation event, and which switches the device from the power-down mode to the power-up mode again at the occurrence of an activation event, and in which the standby circuit is programmed by way of a communication interface and which bi-directional data exchange occurs between the standby circuit and the one or more functional units.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdelmoniem Elamin whose telephone number is 571-2727-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - THUR 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Prveen can be reached on 571-272-3676. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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